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BLM Seeks Public Input on Wilderness Management Plan

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely District is asking for public input on the Fortification Range, Parsnip Peak and White Rock Range Wilderness Management Plan.

A public workshop is scheduled at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the BLM Caliente Field Station, 1400 S. Front Street, Caliente, Nev.

The BLM is preparing a single management plan for the three wilderness areas because of their proximity and similarity of issues. The plan will provide the BLM primary guidance on all decisions affecting the wilderness and establish management practices that will maintain and protect their values for this and future generations.

The deadline to provide input on the Fortification Range, Parsnip Peak and White Rock Range Wilderness Management Plan is 5 p.m., Thursday, May 10, 2007. Send comments to the BLM Ely Field Office, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301.

The BLM anticipates completing a draft plan and making it available for public comment in October 2007. The final plan is scheduled for completion in December 2007.

To learn more about how to participate, contact Steve Leslie, BLM Ely Field Office wilderness planner, at (775) 289-1800.